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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: COAL GASIFICATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT PROJECT, ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND NETHERLANDS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (NEOM) MANAGEMENT INFORM US THAT AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE COAL GASIFICATION PROJECT WILL DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF JUNE. ACCORDING TO NEOM'S BEST ESTIMATE, THE FIRST GASIFICATION UNIT LOCATED NEAR DELFZIJL WOULD BE READY CLOSE TO 1980.

2. DESPITE A STRONG INTEREST IN GERMAN TECHNOLOGY, NEOM HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WITH COMPANIES IN THE US (BADGER, FLUOR, BECHTEL AND OTHERS) AND THE UK. WE WERE INFORMED THAT PROCUREMENT OF COAL GASIFICATION KNOW-HOW EILL BE BASED ON "THE RIGHT PRODUCT AGAINST THE RIGHT PRICE" PRINCIPLE AND THAT NEOM WOULD BUY US IF THE PRODUCT IS RIGHT.

3. DUTCH DOMESTIC COAL GASIFICATION KNOW HOW, DEVELOPED
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BY ROYAL DUTCH SHELL, IS REPRESENTED BY SUCCESSFULLY OPERATING COAL GASIFICATION PILOT PLANT IN AMSTERDAM. ACCORDING TO NEOM, PLANS EXIST TO TRANSFER KNOW HOW TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DEMONSTRATION PLANT IN HARBURG, GERMANY. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN REF A, NEOM ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR COAL GASIFICATION PLANTS IN THE AMSTERDAM AND TERNEUZEN AREA AND A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED LOCATIONS IN

THE WESTERN OPART OF THE COUNTRY.
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